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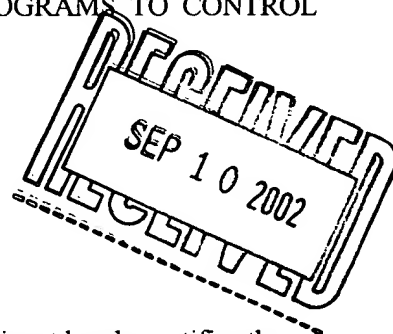
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 7-152827, published June 16, 1995.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-177594, published June 30, 1998.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-327147, published December 8, 1998.



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4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-316779, published November 16, 1999.

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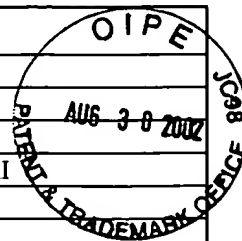


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Claims 1-5

Reason 1

Cited Literature 1 to 4

From Cited Literature 1 to 4 it is easy to make a

“will service method that provides a testator terminal, a will service terminal, a government office terminal and a communications circuit wherein

will information and verification preparation processing is conducted in which the aforementioned testator terminal prepares will information expressing the last wishes of the testator to the heirs after death and verification information for verifying the aforementioned testator, and forwards this information to the aforementioned will service terminal through the aforementioned communications circuit;

will information registration processing is conducted in which the aforementioned will service terminal inputs the aforementioned will information and verification information through the aforementioned communications circuit, registers and stores the aforementioned will information after authorizing the aforementioned testator based on the aforementioned verification information, and pays the specified fees for the testator;

deceased information forwarding processing is conducted in which, when a death certificate has been received and registered as information of the deceased, the aforementioned government office terminal forwards said information of the deceased to the aforementioned will service terminal through the aforementioned communications circuit; and

will information processing is conducted in which the aforementioned will service terminal inputs the aforementioned information of the deceased through the aforementioned communications circuit, and if the aforementioned information of the deceased corresponds to the aforementioned testator when comparing the aforementioned information of the deceased with the aforementioned verification information, the aforementioned will information is forwarded to the aforementioned heirs of the testator by an optional means.”

Specifically, will information management methods are described in Cited Literature 1 to 4.

Consequently, it is easy for a person skilled in the art to perform Claim 1 based on Cited Literature 1 to 4.

The same is true for the other claims.

Claims 6 to 12


Reason 1

Cited Literature 1 to 4

From Cited Literature 1 to 4 it is easy to make a

“will service system that provides a testator terminal, a will service terminal, a government office terminal and a communications circuit wherein

the aforementioned testator terminal is configured to prepare, based on the operations of the testator, will information expressing the last wishes of the testator to the heirs after death and verification information for verifying the aforementioned testator, and to



forward this information to the aforementioned will service terminal through the aforementioned communications circuit;

the aforementioned will service terminal is configured, based on the operations of the will service operator, to input the aforementioned will information and verification information through the aforementioned communications circuit, to register and store the aforementioned will information after authorizing the aforementioned testator based on the aforementioned verification information, and to pay the specified fees for the testator; as well as to input the aforementioned information of the deceased through the aforementioned communications circuit, and if the aforementioned information of the deceased corresponds to the aforementioned testator when comparing the aforementioned information of the deceased with the aforementioned verification information, to forward the aforementioned will information to the aforementioned heirs of the testator by an optional means; and

the aforementioned government office terminal is configured to register a death certificate as information of the deceased based on the operations of the death notification receiving clerk, and to forward said information of the deceased to the aforementioned will service terminal through the aforementioned communications circuit.”

Specifically, will information processing systems are described in Cited Literature 1 to 4.

Consequently, it is easy for a person skilled in the art to perform Claim 1 based on Cited Literature 1 to 4.

The same is true for the other claims.

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理 由

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記 (引用文献等については引用文献等一覧参照)

【請求項1-5】

理由1

引例1-4

「遺言者端末、遺言サービス端末、役所端末、及び通信回線を備えた遺言サービスシステムにおいて、

前記遺言者端末が遺言者の死後の相続人に対する遺言を表す遺言情報及び前記遺言者を認証するための認証情報を作成して前記通信回線を介して前記遺言サービス端末に送出する遺言情報及び認証情報作成処理と、

前記遺言サービス端末が前記遺言情報及び認証情報を前記通信回線を介して入力し、前記認証情報に基づいて前記遺言者を認証した後に前記遺言情報を登録して保管する共に所定の料金を前記遺言者に課金する遺言情報登録処理と、

前記役所端末が死亡届を受理して死亡者情報として記録すると共に該死亡者情報を前記通信回線を介して前記遺言サービス端末に送出する死亡者情報送出処理と、

前記遺言サービス端末が前記死亡者情報を前記通信回線を介して入力し、前記

死亡者情報と前記認証情報とを比較して前記死亡者情報が前記遺言者に対応するとき、前記遺言情報を前記遺言者の相続人へ任意の手段で送出する遺言情報送出処理とを行うことを特徴とする遺言サービス方法。」

は引例1-4から容易である。

すなわち、引例1-4には、遺言情報管理方法が記載されている。

よって、引例1-4から請求項1とすることは当業者にとって容易である。

他の請求項についても同様である。

【請求項6-12】

理由1

引例1-4

「遺言者端末、遺言サービス端末、役所端末、及び通信回線を備え、

前記遺言者端末は、

遺言者の操作に基づき、前記遺言者の死後の相続人に対する遺言を表す遺言情報及び前記遺言者を認証するための認証情報を作成して前記通信回線を介して前記遺言サービス端末に送出する構成にし、

前記遺言サービス端末は、

遺言サービス担当者の操作に基づき、前記遺言情報及び認証情報を前記通信回線を介して入力し、前記認証情報に基づいて前記遺言者を認証した後に前記遺言情報を登録して保管する共に所定の料金を前記遺言者に課金し、かつ前記死亡者情報を前記通信回線を介して入力し、前記死亡者情報と前記認証情報とを比較して前記死亡者情報が前記遺言者に対応するとき、前記遺言情報を前記遺言者の相続人へ任意の手段で伝達する構成にし、

前記役所端末は、

死亡届受理担当者の操作に基づき、死亡届を受理して死亡者情報として記録すると共に該死亡者情報を前記通信回線を介して前記遺言サービス端末に送出する構成にしたことを特徴とする遺言サービスシステム。」

は引例1-4から容易である。

すなわち、引例1-4には、遺言情報管理システムが記載されている。

よって、引例1-4から請求項1とすることは当業者にとって容易である。

他の請求項についても同様である。

【請求項11、12】

理由2

「コンピュータに請求項1、2、3、4又は5記載の遺言サービス方法を実施させるための制御プログラム」

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